MHASC minutes Feb. 7, 2016

Acting Chairperson Dennis C. calls meeting to order at 2:01.

Open with our serenity prayer.

Rollo reads NA 12 Trads.

Angie reads NA 12 Concepts.

Dennis: Literature orders: Please submit those now so they can be filled by break.

There's a new order form – please use that.

New GSRs and visitors:

Tammi, GSRA for Clean and Serene

Derrick, GSR for Blues Breakers

Dan, GSR for Finding The Way

Dennis requests mentors to assist new folks (lots of volunteers).

Clean Time Celebrations since last area.

Shaun T. 1-13-2014 2 years Polly G. 12-26-2012 3 years

January minutes approved.

Question about not receiving January minutes: Karl will work with secretary.

Acting Chair rpt, Dennis C.:

We are going to expedite today's meeting. Maybe we will have open discussion.

Thanks for letting me serve – freeking NA rocks!

We have many positions available – Kick start your recovery in the keester by being of service.

Go Broncos!

Treasurer, Lindsay

Open with zero balance.

-172.28 in contractual reserve

Bills should be sent to treasurer. That position is the point of accountability.

We should all understand what is going on. We spend time talking about how our money system works, rather than actually attending to the area's business.

Propose. Have a meeting this month to explore how our area treasury system works.

Hands interested? Lots

Need a place to meet.

Non-budgeted thing for \$16 if we have \$16.

Dan M.: Our Website Subcommittee has no active servants because of relapse and lack of interest. I printed 5,000 mtg lists \$279.89. It's a contractual agreement.

We have no Website Subcommittee personal.

RCM, Brett F.

CAR and CAT are coming. CAR is outlines of proposals for World Service Conference. CAT is financial items. They will be discussed AT MARCH AREA.

If you want to look at the CAR, use a search engine: narcotics anonymous conference agenda report.

Regional assembly: All GSRs please attend.

Sat, Apr 16, 10:00 AM to 5PM. Training at 9:30.

6750 Carr St., Arvada

There are leadership positions to be filled at region.

Please see below for the February MHASC RCM Report:

- 1. March Area -- CAR and CAT Report by our Regional Delegates
- 2. Regional Assembly -- Go to Assembly and have GSR's attend as well (6750 Carr St, Arvada, CO Church will have signage) Sat April 16 10am-5pm, training starts at 9:30am
- 3. Regional Assembly Proposals -- discussion will occur at March Area -- 2 proposals (remove 1 May region per year AND add Treasurer's responsibility that annual audit of bank with RDA and ensure current signatures and signers are accurate)

Thanks, -Brett

Roll call:

Past attendance:

Nov: 22 Dec: 31 Jan: 30

14 needed for quorum.

30 in attendance.

Elections

1. Vice chairperson

Lindsay S. nominates Dennis C.

Dennis wants to talk to his sponsor and pray on the matter. He will consider it.

2. CRCNA Liaison

No nominations.

Jeff: It's important to have a CRCNA Liaison. The liaison goes to CRCNA meeting 2nd Saturday of every month at 11:00 AM. Liaison attends that meeting and brings info back to Area.

3. Nominations for Website Subcommittee Chairperson

Stephanie P.: I am willing to step up and fill in and do website stuff until someone is elected. Stephanie has held that position before.

Floor remains open for nominations.

Dan M.: [He reads full duties and qualifications from area guidelines, including:] The chairperson puts updates in the area meeting list; prints up 5,000 copies of the meeting list quarterly; and maintains our area website.

Nominations? None

Dan says he has a few nibbles from experienced folks. Mike H.

Dennis: Service is about the inverted pyramid. It's all about serving the individual addict.

Group Rpts:

JK of Continued Deflation: Unity Day has been moved to Saturday, April 30. There are fliers. Unity Day will be from 1PM to 10PM at 1660 Sherman St. This Monday Feb. the 8th, will be our Unity Day organizational meeting.

Group-Together We Can in Steamboat Date: 02-07-16

GSR: Sally P. Phone: 303-956-6142 Email: spezzoli@msn.com

GSRA: None- position is open Contact for phone line: GSR

Changes to meeting schedule: None

Events: None this month. Bowling event is scheduled for 02-16-16

Needs/Info: In a Group Conscience meeting we banned a young man from NA in Steamboat for 3 months due to predatory behavior over 1 year. We will revisit this situation at another Group Conscience in March. There is another fellowship that he can attend and a member of our group has started a separate NA Men's meeting that this man is welcome to attend.

Thank You for Your Service, Sally P.

Subcommittee Rpts:

H&I needs Panel Coordinator's and members for:

- ICCS Women,
- Denver Health,
- The Haven.

We are working on combining the H&I and Outreach guidelines.

We need men writers for the Correspondence Program.

Both Dan M. and Val M. have editable copies of the H&I guidelines for Jennette to work with.

Brett F.: Could you produce fliers to show specific needs of H&I meetings?

Karl: Can we use facebook?

Dan: We have no website personnel at this time. I don't want to be the Public Relations chairperson to do this. I am not a social media person.

[facebook conversation peters out.]

Literature Chairperson Kevin.

CRCNA Liaison

[We have no liaison, but Jeff steps up and shares what he knows.]

Jeff: CRCNA meets the last weekend in each month.

Go online and look at CRCNA link at <u>nacolorado.org</u> for info.

Attendees can go online to get rooms vat Double Tree in Colorado Springs. Not many rooms available.

Call for speakers at CRCNA.

CRCNA Logo contest will go through March 1st.

PR Chairperson

(This should all be in Dan's rpt)
Hi MHA Secretary (Lena),

Below is the February 2016 written report for PUBLIC RELATIONS!

Thanks & ((hugs!))
Dan M.

Date: Sunday, February 7, 2016

Subcommittee: Public Relations Committee REPORTING FOR Activities, Phoneline,

Public Information, Training and Website (currently excludes Hospitals, Institutions &

Outreach, Literature sub-comm, RCM and CRCNA Liaison reports)

Public Relations Chair: Dan M.

Public Relations Email address: publicrelations.mhasc@gmail.com

Public Relations Meeting Location & Time: 1212 Mariposa, 1pm before Area Sundays

Other subcommittee Meetings Location & Time: 1212 Mariposa, 11am before Area Sundays

February 7, 2016 Report:

Hello from your Public Relations committee! My name is Dan and I'm an addict.

Thank you for remaining patient related to our October 2015 Area motion to temporarily suspend the verbal and written report guidelines for all sub-committees (for 2 months) and our December Area motion to temporarily suspend the verbal and written report guidelines for another 4 additional months as we attempt to streamline our sub-committee reporting to the Area body (except Literature sub-comm, RCM and CRCNA Liaison).

As you should recall this attempt will reduce redundancy of information at Area, allow the Public Relations committee to assume reporting duties on behalf of all MHASC subcommittees and ultimately to reduce the need for subcommittee chairs to be in attendance at our monthly Area meeting except for budget months.

I will try my best to provide a succinct verbal report to you today that encompasses the most vital information on behalf of Activities, Phoneline, Public Information, Training and Website (currently excludes Hospitals, Institutions & Outreach, Literature sub-comm, RCM and CRCNA Liaison reports).

First and foremost, the BIGGEST of thank you's to all the people who are being of service in all capacities. In addition, to all of the folks keeping the subcommittees fulfilling their commitments...."THANK YOU!!!".

While we are without a Website chair, I am passing around and need to collect the folder that is being passed around the room to indicate changes you all need to make to the web. Please make sure it is returned to me by end of Area today. I was able to print our 5,000 February 2016 quarterly meeting lists and they are on the back table for you to acquire them.

Going in alphabetical order on monthly reports for our subcommittees...

Activities!! We'll be holding a Saturday, February 13th Valentine's Dance this weekend at 1660 Sherman St. \$7.00, please bring a pot luck dish, folks willing to help clean up at midnight would be greatly appreciated Chair Colleen and her team will work on getting

event dates and details to us with more time to save the date and make plans to attend the events, including the Memorial Day BBQ horseshoe tournament and volleyball.

With regard to the H&I&O sub-comm, Jennette will separately report on that sub-committee after this report.

Moving over to the Phoneline subcommittee... Out of 474 calls received this past month 24 calls were initially missed and went to the voicemail system, over 98% of all calls received were answered. Jordan and her Phoneline team are working on reactivating the Spanish language option of the phone system and she is specifically looking for service folks fluent in Spanish to answer those incoming calls! There are no ongoing issues in regards to this subcommittee, but they are seeking to fill more 4 hour time slots of recovering addicts to answer incoming calls.

Service positions within Phoneline that we are looking to fill include a Volunteer Coordinator (1 year suggested clean time) who will train new volunteers at the monthly INTRO TO SERVICE training at 12noon on Area Sundays, Phoneline volunteers (1 year clean time) to answer incoming phone calls. Please spread the word about these needs!

Shifts to fill for Phoneline: Tuesday: 6 AM- 10 AM Wednesday: 2PM-6PM

Thursday: 2PM-6PM

Public Information is in the process of discussing ideas to educate nurses on the disease of addiction and the viability of the Narcotics Anonymous as a suggestion for patients they encounter. The PI committee is working on creating a more cost effective acrylic literature rack over the next few months. The aim is for more cost effectiveness and a smaller 'footprint' for these racks to fit in more locations and countertops. Both the literature rack program and library literature donation projects are healthy! Thank you Travis and the P.I. team!!! If you have any cost effective advertising suggestions, please let Travis know.

Our Training chair, Sarah L., had 6 people show up at 11am today for the monthly INTRO TO SERVICE training. No attendees at the noon time GSR/GSRA training today.

Our Website chair stepped down in January 2016. The position remains open at this time and we will need someone to step up since I do not have website/WordPress skills.

The most relevant updates I can communicate to the Area body today on behalf of collective efforts by all of the subcommittees that attend the monthly Public Relations meeting at 1pm are these...

- 1. 3 out of 7 sub-committees are still working on reviewing and updating their own sub-committees' guidelines, we have not set a target date to complete this project. We need more time to fulfill this task due to the volumes we are all handling in our sub-committees. Please be patient and we will accomplish this task in the near future for the health of our Area.
- 2. We've set a team goal to complete a summer 2015 request by the Area body for creating "Chair rotational checklists" of February 2016. In theory these checklists will highlight the most pertinent of tasks that have to be accomplished regularly by sub-comm Chairs in addition to what is noted in their guidelines. These checklists are hopefully to assist new, incoming chairs with helpful duties, tasks and tribal knowledge that might be lost otherwise.
- 3. The Google Calendar on the Events page of <u>nadenver.org</u> has been up and running since mid-September 2015. It's a calendar called "MILEHINA events" and for simplicity sake all Mile High Area sub-committees each have access to post upcoming events to it. Updating the events page to a calendar will also help folks to see at a quick glance what, and when, upcoming events are listed, hopefully to prevent multiple NA events occurring at the same time on the same day. This simplicity of viewing will only work if events are posted though.

As a friendly reminder, all sub-committees need folks to show up and jump into service at each of our Area Sunday monthly meetings.

In humble service,

Dan M. (personal cell for any inquiries -->720.569.7746 or publicrelations.mhasc@gmail.com)

Activities

Valentine Day Dance.

Phone rpt, Jordan Jordan gives that report Working on Spanish speaking line.

Treasurer's Rpt.

Lindsay

Website Subcommittee

Our website subcommittee has no active servants because of relapse and lack of interest.

New Business

Motion by Rollo: Disbursement of \$16.06 to buy placards for A Wake Up Call. That meeting meets at 121 Acoma St., Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM.

There are often at least 10 newcomers. There are lots of folks in treatment there, and they share an Alcoholics Anonymous message.

Paul, GSR for A Wake Up Call: We have placards. We have our literature and placards in a box at the meeting site.

Result: 1. Rollo withdraws motion for a disbursement request.

- 2. Outreach will get NA members signed up to attend one Wake Up Call meeting to share a strong message.
- 3. AWUC trusted servant will have an NA member share a strong message at the beginning of every meeting.

Brendan: It's on Outreach to support this meeting.

Dennis asks GSR Paul to make sure A Wake Up Call has everything it needs.

Paul: I absolutely can handle that.

Just checking: Quorum? Yes.

Dennis:

Concerning our Consensus-Based Decision Making process.

Do we really understand how it works? The chair needs to be able to usher proposals through the process accurately. Please contact the Area Chairperson to make sure he understands the essentials of our CBDM process.

Action items for March:

Next month is a budget meeting.

Each subcommittee is responsible for getting its request to the Treasurer.

Lindsay: I want budgets by the 21st. Don, our current assistant treasurer, is not going to step up to the treasurer position at the June elections. So we are now entertaining nominations for treasurer. That way that person can be trained to take over the position when Lindsay S. steps down in July.

We adjourn at 3:13.

We circle up, say our Gratitude Prayer.